

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. CR-98-657

BRUCE EARL WARD

APPELLANT

Opinion Delivered April 17, 2017

V.

DISSENTING OPINION.

STATE OF ARKANSAS

APPELLEE

KAREN R. BAKER, Associate Justice

I dissent from the majority's decision today to take the matter as a case and stay Ward's execution. Simply put, Ward has presented the issue of mental evaluations which has been considered and denied. Further, if the United States Supreme Court anticipates that *McWilliams v. Dunn*, 634 F. App'x 698 (11th Cir. 2015) is likely to succeed and affect his case, they can certainly enter a stay. Accordingly, I dissent.

WOOD, J., joins.